

April

2023

First Southern
Baptist Church



Hey church! We're continuing to pray through our city and ask God to move, for our church to have his eyes to see the people and for us to have the wisdom and boldness to reach them with the Gospel. This month we're praying through the yellow section of the map that is bordered by: Woodmen Rd. to the north, Fillmore to the south, Union to the east and Centennial to the west. Let's pray together intentionally like this:

- 1) That God would do a great work in this part of our city.
- 2) That we would have eyes to see the people in this area as God does.
- 3) That God would give us wisdom how to reach them with the Gospel and the boldness to follow through.

As you pray remember: prayer is more than just preparation for the work, prayer is the work.

We Make Disciples
Who Worship, Grow & Go

Our Spring
Worship & Ministry
Schedule

Sunday
9am ~ Bible Study for All Ages
10:30am ~
Worship Service
with Children's Church

Wednesday
2-4~ Grief Share
6-7:30 pm~ AWANA ~
(AWANA- ends May 17th
follows School Calendar)
6pm ~ Youth,
Pastor Josh's Study--
Worship Center

Thursday
6:30 pm~ Prayer Meeting

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Your Staff  
Senior Pastor ~  
**Joshua Hargett**

Music Leader  
**Brennan Ward**

Hey Church!

What an exciting season in the life of our church. As Easter approaches I am reminded more and more of the Hope that we have and that we must share with our city. Titus 2:11-12 says this:

*"For the grace of God has appeared bringing with it salvation for all people. Teaching us to deny ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live soberly, righteously and godly lives in this present age."*

Grace is unmerited or undeserved favor and here the Bible teaches that it has appeared, which is a reference to Jesus! The text continues on and says that it brought Salvation to all people! What a fantastic truth - Salvation is available to everyone, but we must be faithful messengers of the gospel and trust that the Holy Spirit is working to soften hearts. And, for those who have experienced this salvation, it is not just providing salvation but teaching us things! It is teaching us how to live as Kingdom Citizens and how to interact with the world around us. What an amazing truth and hope we have in this text! So, how do we apply it? We live in light of the change that God has caused in our lives and we share this truth with a city that desperately needs to hear that there is Hope, Peace and Life in Jesus!

There are couple of opportunities coming up that I want to highlight real quick -

- **April 7th - Good Friday Service at 6 pm.** This will be a great opportunity to worship and to prepare our hearts to remember what Jesus did for us on the cross.
- **April 9th - Easter!** We'll have small groups at 9 am and we'll worship together at 10:30! For our worship service we will still have nursery available, but there will be no kids worship. If you need more Easter invites please swing by the church office anytime and help us invite the entire city to worship King Jesus and hear about His saving work on the cross.
- **April 22nd - Secret Church with Dr. David Platt.** From 9 AM to 3 PM you will have the opportunity to study the book of Jonah under one of the premier Bible teachers of this generation and hear about how we can pray for the unreached people of our world. You do not want to miss this opportunity. Sign-ups will open on April 2nd, cost is \$5 and includes lunch. Nursery is available, but you must sign up.
- **April 23rd at 5 pm will be our Church Celebration** (formerly known as a business meeting! Ha!) Make plans to come and eat some ice cream while we celebrate reports on all the things God is doing in and through our church!

Thanks again for being a part of what God is doing in the life of our church as we work to make disciples who worship, grow and go

Pastor Josh



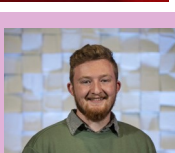
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Hey everyone!

Hope all is well! It's been a great few weeks in the life of our church! We've had Ponca City and Los Alamos mission teams here and they have done some incredible work! And we couldn't be more grateful for them. They even built us a drum cage which will help us out a ton. The drum cage was a huge blessing for us because now we will be able to fully control how loud the drums are in the room and also on the livestream. Before the drums would drown a lot of instruments out, but this way we can make sure everything sounds great! So we are super thankful to the mission teams for helping us out on that! Easter is now just a few weeks away, so don't forget that while it may be a time for family to visit or even for you to go see family, we are celebrating the fact that we believe in a living God that died for us and rose again to show us how much He loves us. Hope everyone has a great day! See ya!

Thanks everyone!  
Brennan Ward



Important Dates for April  
April 7 ~ 6pm Good Friday Service  
April 22 ~ 9am-3pm Secret Church  
April 23 ~ 3:30pm Admin Meeting  
April 23 ~ 5pm Church Celebration  
aka Business Meeting

**Bridal Shower For Paige Moore**  
  
**Sunday, April 23, 2-4pm**  
  
**In the Fellowship Hall**  
  
**Granddaughter of Margret Lovett**

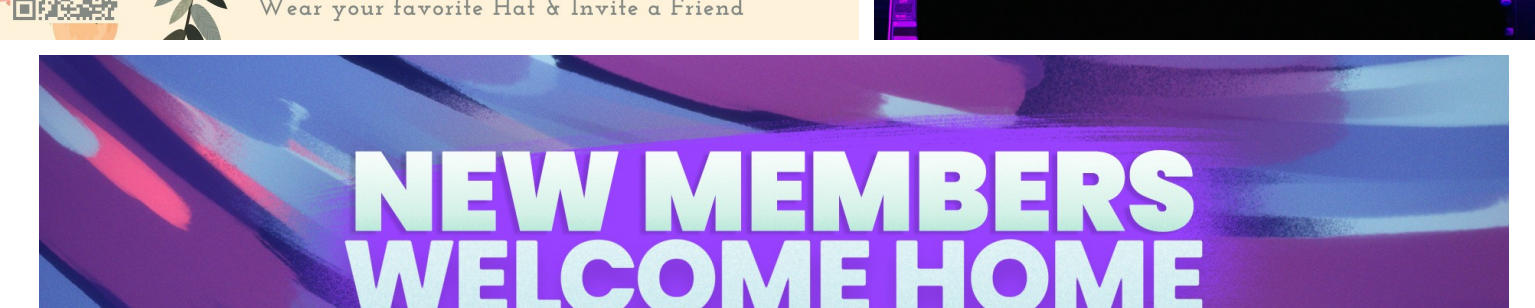
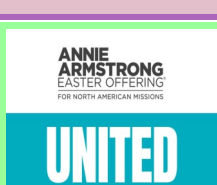
April Birthdays

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| Sharon Willson       | 4/4  |
| Garrett Rutherford   | 4/6  |
| Kayla Anderson       | 4/7  |
| Quincy Noelia Mendez | 4/9  |
| Martha Wallace       | 4/12 |
| Dave Smith           | 4/16 |
| Ed Graham            | 4/18 |
| Richard Rutherford   | 4/20 |
| LeAnn Dietz          | 4/21 |
| Nolan Chambers       | 4/21 |
| April Smith          | 4/21 |
| Isaac Denton         | 4/30 |
| Michele Hamilton     | 4/30 |

Praises and Prayer Requests

Margaret Lovett ~ Recovering from Back Surgery  
Donny Whitlock ~ Health  
Rosie Miller ~ Health  
Bill Bo Mosley ~ Health  
Burlin & Harriet Fayne ~ Health  
Ed & Shirley Hernholm ~ Health  
Hal and Margaret Seagraves ~ Health  
Dorothy Merkle ~ Health  
Beverly Wright ~ Health  
Roger & Michele Hamilton ~ Family  
Ukraine ~ Peace in their country  
Betsy Wade ~ Recovering from hip replacement

**Annie Armstrong Easter Offering**  
**Is in full swing.**  
**Our Church Goal Is \$2,000.00**



Joseph and Amanda Salmoiraghi  
(Kids Benjamin 15, Timothy 12,  
Joshua 9, Elijah 4,



Gary and Delores Bishop



Jackie (Jaquelyn) Heaston